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1 Proletarian Brigade

1. The 1 Proletarian Brigade had its headquarters in Portoroz. The headquarters of the 2 and 3 Battalions of the Brigade had their headquarters in Kopar.
2. The commander of 2 Battalion was Captain Dane Basta and the political commissar was Captain Ero Malenkovic. The 2 Battalion had three companies in Kopar:
 - a. 1 Company, commanded by First Lieutenant Benjan Ivic;
 - b. 2 Company, commanded by First Lieutenant Jovan Mirkovic; and
 - c. 3 Company, commanded by First Lieutenant Pejovic.
3. The 1 Company, 2 Battalion had about 100 men. About ten men were assigned to the headquarters of the Company, and the remainder were divided among three platoons. The platoon leaders were Second Lieutenants Andrejevic, Siro Alinovic and Andrijevic.
4. The men of the 2 Battalion were armed with German 7.9-mm Mauser rifles.
5. In October 1951 about 400 men of the 1 Proletarian Brigade completed their military service. Instead of being allowed to return to their homes, however, the military booklets of the men were withheld and the men were forced to go to Doboj, Bosnia, to work in a Youth Voluntary Brigade on the construction of the Banja Luka-Doboj railroad line. When the soldiers arrived in Doboj, they refused to work and insisted that their military booklets be returned to them so that they could return to their homes. Despite various kinds of pressure, about 300 of the 400 succeeded in obtaining their booklets and returned to their homes.

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6. Miscellaneous Units in Starovina

- a. A KNOJ Border unit of 40 men had its headquarters in a barracks about 200 meters southwest of Starovina. The unit was commanded by a captain.
- b. The headquarters of another KNOJ Border unit was located in the village of Budimirci, which is located about four kilometers south of Starovina. The unit was commanded by Second Lieutenant Djordjevic.
- c. A 15-man Militia unit commanded by a sergeant identified only as Marko was located in Starovina.

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